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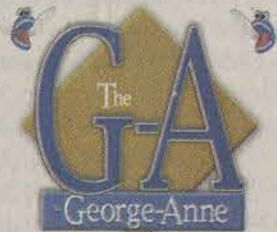
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ON THE INSIDE:



Covering the campus like a
swarm of gnats

Today's Weather



Mostly cloudy
with a high of
59° F and a low
of 33° F.

Opinions

- Adam Brady detests people who commit to something and then slack off.
- Amanda Permenter used to feel safe in Statesboro.

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- Lady Eagles basketball slipped past UNC-Greensboro in a thriller of a ballgame. The Eagles won 73-72 in the last few seconds.



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Arts & Entertainment

- An emotional rollercoaster, 'All About My Mother' shows in the Russell Union Theater.
- Based on the book of the same title, 'The Count of Monte Cristo' opens in theaters.



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Southern Events

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- A 'Black History Quiz Bowl' will be held in Union Rm. 2084 tonight at 5 p.m.

EVENING OF POETRY

- An 'Enchanted Evening of Poetry' will be held in Union Rm. 2070 at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14.

SHARED TRADITIONS: Georgia's Sea Island Singers entertain and educate on slave folk tradition

By Mathew R. Palmer
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Over 100 people were in attendance to see the local Georgia Sea Island Singers Tuesday night in the new Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education building.

Co-founded by husband and wife, Frankie and Doug Quimby, the group tours to educate the public about their native land of the Georgia Sea Islands and its unique Gullah language.

The Singers have taken this message nationwide and even internationally. The group is celebrating over 25 years of performances, including the Mexico and Lillehammer Olympic games as well as far as Presidents Reagan and Carter.

Mr. Quimby was hospitalized due to high potassium intake so only Mrs. Quimby and son-in-law Tony Merrell were able to perform.

"When I got home, he had a whole bag of oranges by the bed," she said. "He had 'em hid," Merrell said. Doctors were baffled by the sharp increase in potassium until Mrs. Quimby discovered the oranges.

"He loves them," she said. "He could eat 10 at a time." Mr. Quimby is doing well and the show went on. "We are back in our home state of Georgia and we want to have a good time," she said. "And y'all are part of that good time."

Songs, dances, storytelling and audience participation were used to teach how slaves interacted between plantations and with each other. Quimby talked about traditions that were passed down from older generations such as hambones to season vegetables, dances such as clogging and tap and even Michael Jackson's infamous 'moon walk.'

"By sharing our heritage and culture, our children will realize where they came from and appreciate that," she said. Quimby explained that slaves wrote songs using vague terms to fool slave owners.

For instance, the song "Old Tar

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Chris Walker/STAFF

BRINGING HISTORY HOME: Georgia's own Sea Island Singers performed in the new Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education building Monday night. The group tours the country to help preserve the local traditions that grew out of the slave folk culture and their Gullah language, a blending of African and English dialects.

Use of Ecstasy rises 20 percent among teens

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A survey of U.S. teen-agers found that drug use remained steady last year with one glaring exception—a rise in use of Ecstasy—an anti-drug organization said Monday.

The Partnership For a Drug-Free America said teen Ecstasy use rose 20 percent last year and has increased 71 percent since 1999.

The group, a coalition of communications professionals, unveiled an advertising campaign to warn teens and parents of the dangers of drug use. Many of the ads feature the parents of Danielle Heird, a 21-year-old Las Vegas woman who died after taking Ecstasy in 2000.

"Don't play Russian roulette with your most precious gift—your life," her mother, Elsa Heird, said at a news conference.

John Walters, who directs the White House drug policy office, said anti-drug officials are trying to counter an impression among teens that Ecstasy is harmless. Ecstasy is believed to cause brain damage.

"This is about heading off a problem before it gets out of control," he said.

Ecstasy is a synthetic drug considered part hallucinogen and part amphetamine. It became popular over the past decade at dance parties known as raves.

But Stephen J. Pasierb, president of the Partnership, said Ecstasy appears to be expanding beyond clubs.

"Ecstasy has moved out of the rave scene and into the mainstream," he said.

The survey of 6,937 teen-agers found that 12 percent of 12-to-18 year olds had used Ecstasy at some point in their lives. That compares with 10 percent in 2000. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 1.8 percentage points.

Marijuana remains the most popular



Internet Photo

COLLAGE OF X: A recent survey has revealed that while drug use amongst teenagers has remained relatively stable, the drug Ecstasy has seen an increase of 20 percent over the last year. The drug is popular on the rave scene for its amplification of the senses, specifically the sense of touch.

drug among teens, with 41 percent having tried it. Inhalants, such as glue, were used by 18 percent, methamphetamines were used by 11 percent, cocaine or crack by 9 percent and heroin by 4 percent.

Use of both alcohol and tobacco had

declined. Fifty-three percent of teens reported using alcohol over the past year, down from 58 percent in 2000. For tobacco, 28 percent reported smoking cigarettes over the previous 30 days, compared with 34 percent in the 2000 survey.

Information from detainees leads FBI to issue terrorist attack alert

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - The FBI issued its latest terrorist attack alert Monday night after al-Qaida detainees described a plan to attack the U.S. embassy in Yemen, provided the names of participants and confirmed the plotters' identities from photographs, law-enforcement and intelligence officials said Tuesday.

According to the officials, who requested anonymity, one of the detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said a cellmate in Afghanistan had told him of a plan to attack the em-

bassy in Yemen. A U.S. intelligence official said the terrorists planned to fire rocket-propelled grenades or mortars from a house they had rented or purchased near the embassy.

Boulos Malik, a spokesman for the embassy in Sanaa, Yemen's capital, said authorities had cordoned off the facility in the outskirts of the city and provided more guards. The embassy is also protected by a U.S. Marine security detail.

The name of the alleged leader of

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United Negro College Fund provides generous scholarships

KRT Campus

Erika Williams is among the first in her family to go to college.

The good grades the 19-year-old earned while at Lincoln Prep High School in Kansas City, Mo., helped her get into the University of Missouri-Kansas City. But Williams knows she also owes her chance at a college degree to a scholarship from the United Negro College Fund.

Her scholarship pays for tuition. Financial aid helps her afford books. She also works full time to save for summer school and other educational expenses.

"It would have been a problem" if she had not received the scholarship, Williams said.

Williams was one of 65,000 scholarship recipients nationwide receiv-

ing a total of \$178 million in assistance.

"Educating minorities in America should be a national priority," fund President William Gray said, pointing to the country's growing minority population. "It is extremely important that we make the necessary investments and give skills sets to those who will be the work force of tomorrow."

Emilio Cruz, chief operating officer for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, agreed.

"It is extremely important that our fastest-growing young population is educated and that they be a strong part of the working population and the U.S. economy," Cruz

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Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

February 10

• Amanda Claire Conner, 20, was arrested for DUI.

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• Keyonia Collins, 20, was arrested for shoplifting.
• Delorise Arnold, 20, was arrested for shoplifting.
• Lance Butler, 22, was arrested for suspended license and speeding.

GSU Public Safety

February 8

• A Sanford Hall resident reported a case of harassing e-mail.

February 9

• Joey Gamble, 20, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, improper starting and open container violation.

• Grant Davis, 20, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and possession of fake ID.

• Diaon Woods reported her walled was missing from her room in Cone Hall.

February 10

• Nathan Scott, 21, was charged with DUI and a stop sign violation.

• April Summerford reported someone broke her window on her vehicle in the Russell Union parking lot and took her purse.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Megan Mulcahy.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount and nature of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Division of Public Safety or the Statesboro Police Department.

Georgia News

Georgia lawmakers vote to increase victims' assistance package

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- The Georgia House on Monday voted to give more money to victims of violent crime, increasing the maximum compensation from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Since 1990, the state has provided help for victims and survivors of crimes such as rape and homicide to cover medical expenses, counseling and lost wages.

Gov. Roy Barnes said last month that he would push for an increase in probation and parole fees to cover the increased compensation for victims.

The assistance is available to victims and survivors only after they have

exhausted their own private insurance benefits.

Georgia ranks last among all states in covering victims' medical bills, according to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which has distributed \$17 million to victims since 1990.

The state now provides a maximum of \$5,000 for medical expenses. The House bill would triple the maximum, to \$15,000. Victims also could get twice what they do now for lost wages and financial hardship, from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Also in the bill is a new category for crime scene cleanup, up to \$1,500. The

proposal now heads to the Senate.

The compensation is now available to victims and survivors of homicide, sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, assault and drunken driving accidents. The new plan also would apply to those affected by vehicular homicide and hit-and-run accidents, two new categories that would apply to about 50 people a year.

To pay for the plan, parole fees would go up from \$10 to \$20 a month, and probation fees would rise from \$3 to \$9. Those two hikes would raise an additional \$8.6 million or so next year, according to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

North Georgia lawmakers want to change law

Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Several members of the Georgia House sponsored a bill Monday that would change the way small towns vote on whether to allow Sunday sales of beer and wine at restaurants or hotels.

Republican Rep. Amos Amerson said the bill was requested by his hometown of Dahlonega,

which plans to hold a referendum on Sunday sales, as required by law.

Counties with more than 64,000 people aren't required to hold a referendum before allowing Sunday alcohol sales.

The ballot now asks whether voters want to approve Sunday sales of "distilled spirits," or

liquor. Amerson wants that changed to say "malt beverages and wine" so people aren't confused about what could be served.

Several north Georgia representatives joined Amerson on the bill, which goes to the House Regulated Beverages Committee for consideration.

Campus News Brief

Delta Nu Alpha named "National Student Chapter of the Year" for fifth year

By Brad DeBardelaben
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Once again, Georgia Southern University ranks as one of the top schools in the nation. On Jan. 31, six Georgia Southern students traveled to Denver, Colorado to take part in Operation



Stimulus, Colorado's annual transportation education conference, sponsored by the Colorado Transportation Community, a consortium of seven professional organizations. The students are

members of Delta Nu Alpha (DNA), Georgia Southern's chapter of the national logistics and transportation association. Part of the weekend-long conference involved a student case analysis competition.

Students were given a real-world problem in logistics and a short time to formulate an answer before it was presented in front of a panel of judges. Georgia Southern placed third while the United States Merchant Marine Academy placed second.

Michigan State University received the first place award. Other school's participating in the competition included the University of Arkansas, Syracuse

University, the University of Houston, and Western Illinois University. The weekend also included speakers from various fields

related to logistics and transportation, and networking time for students to meet professionals in the field and gain business contacts.

Saturday allowed students to sightsee in Denver or travel to the mountains for a day of snow skiing.

Georgia Southern Chapter 362 of Delta Nu Alpha was recently named "National Student Chapter of the Year" for the fifth consecutive year. No other DNA student chapter has ever received this award for more than two consecutive years.

DNA is open to all Logistics and Intermodal Transportation (LIT) majors and any other business majors who have an interest in logistics.

For more information about Delta Nu Alpha, and/or the LIT major, contact Dr. Jerry Wilson at 681-0257 or jwWilson@gasou.edu.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eagle fans, your Eagles are in third place in the Southern Conference men's basketball standings. And, there are only two more chances to see Coach Price and your Eagle men's basketball team in action in Hanner Fieldhouse.

On Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2:00 pm, your Eagles will battle the Bulldogs of The Citadel in Hanner Fieldhouse. So make sure that you come out and watch the Eagles take a bite out of the Bulldogs and secure a Southern Conference victory!

SOFTBALL

Attention Georgia Southern softball fans! Head Coach Natalie Poole, in her first year at Georgia

Southern, and your Eagles will begin their home season on Saturday, Feb. 16 against Georgia Tech! Admission is FREE! So come out and support your Eagles!

CARIBBEAN TRADE WINDS

The Georgia Southern Museum will open the exhibit "Caribbean Trade Winds" on Feb. 25 and it will run through May 19.

Items are still needed to complete the exhibit.

If you have artifacts from the Caribbean, such as baskets, ceramics, masks, carved figures, textiles, cooking utensils, dolls, musical instruments, religious artifacts, paintings, etc., would you please lend them to the museum for this

wonderful exhibit?

The Museum will need the items by this Friday, Feb. 15, so please contact Deborah Harvey at the Museum (extension 5444) if you can loan them any of these items. As always, we appreciate all you do to help.

BALLOON SALE

PRSSA will be selling balloons, with candy along with a card from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Lakeside on Valentines Day. Cost is \$3.00. You can preorder in Comm Arts.

--All Campus News information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

International News

50 arrested for religious violence in southern Egypt

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt -- Police had 50 people in custody Monday following clashes between Muslims and Christians that erupted in a southern Egyptian village at the opening of a church.

Violence broke out in Beni Walmas village, 220 kilometers (135 miles) south of Cairo in Minya province Sunday, after an argument over whether the church's bells tolled too loud. Eleven people were slightly injured, including two policemen.

Police would not say how many of the 50 people arrested were Muslims and how many were Christians. Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported that 19 of those detained were minors, and would be held in juvenile corrections

facilities.

The detainees were to remain in custody for 15 days pending investigation. Charges that could be filed include inciting sectarian strife and riots, vandalism and arson.

Sunday's service was the first at the church, a renovated and expanded Christian religious center that long had been part of the village. Witnesses said small fires were set at the church entrance, damaging parts of the building, and that fire had damaged several nearby houses.

According to an Interior Ministry statement on Sunday, "elements from both sides, Muslim and Christian, overreacted" during the opening of the Virgin Mary Church.

Egypt's Christians, most followers of

the native Coptic church, generally live in peace with Egypt's Muslim majority. But in Jan. 2000, 23 people mainly Copts were killed in sectarian strife in el-Kusheh and neighboring villages in Sohag province, 440 kilometers (275 miles) south of Cairo.

Coptic Christians comprise about 10 percent of Egypt's 67 million people. They long have complained of discrimination, particularly over jobs in the civil service, but the government denies this.

In an unrelated incident also in Minya province, a Muslim church guard was shot dead during an argument with another guard, a Copt, police said.

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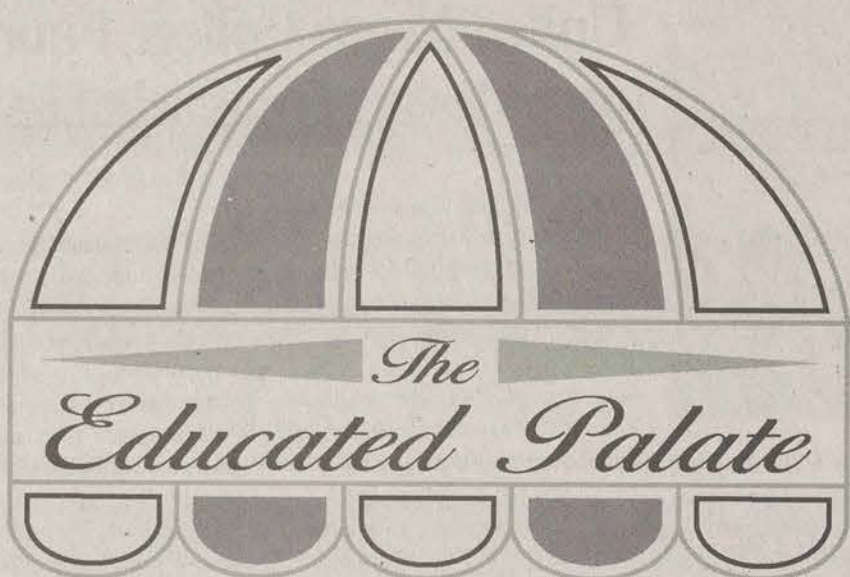
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THURSDAY

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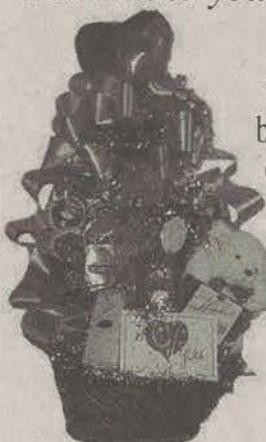
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SEA ISLAND SINGERS, FROM PAGE 1

River," was actually about the Underground Railroad. Slaves would sing the song, which could be heard by slaves on other plantations. When heard, it alerted slaves that a group was making a break for freedom.

Most songs were written to relieve the stress slaves encountered and also to communicate without allowing owners to know what they were saying, according to Quimby. Anthropologists and folklorists call this type

of "secretive" communication "coding."

Elementary aged students, as well as college students, including yours truly, participated in song and dance.

The children sang "Head and Shoulders," a song aimed at slave owners children who taunted them for being dumb and not being able to attend school.

Meanwhile the college students sang "Draw Me a Bucket Water."

Slaves were angry about the nasty condition of the water they had to drink and sang this song to vent to slave owners.

"Those men [Black slaves] were very creative," Quimby said. "They were just held under the bonds of slavery."

Quimby taught of her ancestors who were freed from slavery but cautioned that slavery can be applied to anything.

"Truly, you can be a slave to many things," she said. "You can be a slave to alcohol... to drugs... to crime... or ignorance. We don't want to be a slave to those things in this generation."

Quimby is full of hope for today's generation; one she has watched grow touring through schools nationwide.

"This generation today, black and white — it is going to dissolve segregation," she proclaimed.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FROM PAGE 1

said.

Minority scholarships help accomplish this end, they said. They are designed to assist the most needy students, those who often do not have access to higher education.

However, the slow economy — exacerbated by the Sept. 11 attacks — has made raising money for scholarships more difficult. The United Negro College Fund, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the American Indian College Fund report declines in contributions.

"We were seeing some slowing effects in the spring, then when Sept. 11 (happened), then there was a big move for philanthropy to focus on New York," Cruz said. "I think that was new philanthropy, but definitely a percentage of that was diverted funding."

Officials at the scholarship funds said they do not expect the economy had until the end of the fiscal year this spring. They said, however, that they are on target to meet their goals.

For the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, that means raising \$20 million for scholarships. It is an investment that pays off, Cruz said.

A survey conducted in the late 1990s showed that 97 percent of the students who received scholarships in the group's first 22 years graduated with at least a bachelor's degree. About 43 percent of those students went on to some level of graduate study. Also, 85 percent of those graduates earned above the national median income.

"Our program is absolutely an investment in the future of America," Cruz said.

Of students who get assistance from the United Negro College Fund, half come from families whose income is below \$35,000 a year and 60 percent are the first to attend college, Gray said.

Last year, of the 6,000 Hispanic Scholarship Fund recipients, 75 percent were from low-income families and 66 percent were first-generation college students, Cruz said.

The average income on an American Indian reservation for a family of four is about \$11,000, said Suzette Brewer, spokeswoman for the American Indian College Fund.

"Even tuition at our tribal colleges becomes a burden for families, so scholarships in Indian country are critical to the success both of our students and the institutions they attend," Brewer said.

She added that scholarships also are vital to the success of society because education leads to self-sufficiency economic and political empowerment.

"We know that education is the key to addressing the issues that surround Indian people and this includes obviously education, health care, housing, economic development," Brewer said.

"It helps society as a whole when you have a well-educated population that can take care of itself."

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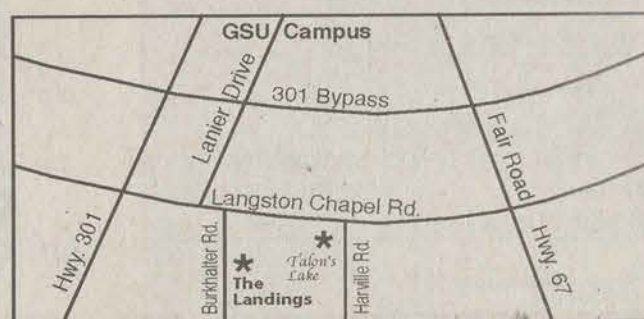


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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION

Cell phones are plaguing us!

Alright fair readers, enough already. We've let the problem go for far too long, and it is time to put a serious check on one of the most frequent causes of problems here in the 'Boro: cell phones. They ring during lectures, tests and important debates. The electronic tones disrupt movies, interrupt plays, and halt guest speakers from making their point. Cell phones are causes of accidents, uncountable thefts, and possibly, the numerous brain tumors we'll all develop over the next thirty or so years.

The cellular phone has not brought us all closer, but instead has simply created a need for us to want to talk to all of our friends at once because they're only the click of a button away. They're original use was to make it more convenient for each of us to contact one another. As a side effect, we're constantly ringing, vibrating, or cursing our seemingly smaller and smaller handsets for the simple reason that we missed a call.

Even the restroom is no longer a safe haven of piece and tranquility: our favorite songs set to the tone of electronica echo even more loudly in the tiled sanctuaries.

Enough is enough already. Turn the damn thing off and revel in the peace you'll find in the world around you. Try talking to your friend face to face instead of incessantly screaming "What?" as you wonder why your reception is so horrible through concrete walls. Take time for you to be alone and to think.

We'd love to. But your blasted phone is ringing.

The safehaven Statesboro could be

I used to feel safe here in Statesboro.

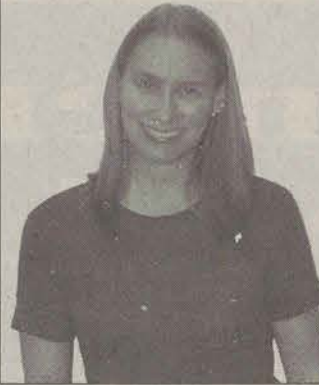
It was one of the many things that made me want to attend school here. In fact, I spent the first year and a half of college being so comfortably naive that I often walked home from work in the middle of the night alone and thought nothing of it. Then, I became news editor up here at *The George-Anne* and started to learn some scary facts about this quaint little town.

In every edition of the paper we publish the Police Beat, which requires us to obtain police reports from both the city and university police. Sure, for the most part the reports consist of domestic disputes and DUI arrests. Every now and then something really entertaining happens, like someone decides to steal an entire batch of Statesboro Heralds from a mechanical vendor. Crimes like that are to be expected.

Unfortunately, there is a lot more going on in the 'Boro.

I decided to make sure I had a big strong man around to walk me home once I learned that two people were robbed at gunpoint on my street earlier this month. After an armed robbery occurred at a nearby apartment

AMANDA PERMENTER



complex, I concluded that I'd ditch walking completely and find a ride home. When another armed robbery occurred at another complex a week later, I made up my mind to stay indoors anytime the streetlights were on.

I know the good folks over at Public Safety are doing all they can to make the campus area safer. They're doing a fine job - I feel perfectly confident walking amongst the buildings and courtyards of GSU. If I'm feeling a little nervous, I can even call one of those campus escorts for protection.

Plus, those emergency posts that stand like bright blue beacons in residence hall parking lots and along campus sidewalks seem to be serving a high purpose.

On the other hand, the second the campus boundary is overstepped, nobody seems to give a damn about what could happen to the average student.

Don't get me wrong. Residential areas that surround the university have taken their own measures to divert crime. Little generic signs have been strategically placed (somewhere between the display of the complex name and the patches of pretty flowers) in front of every complex. These signs are white with intimidating red letters, and they say, "SECURITY ON DUTY."

I'm not a big fan of these signs, which were apparently purchased in bulk from some awful Costco-like place. I wonder if security guards came with the deal,

like a two-for-one, false sense of security combo.

Obviously, considering how many armed offenses have gone down lately, the scary red letters are not having the desired effect.

If the city and the apartment owners aren't jumping up to take further action, the responsibility falls on the residents of every complex. Neighbors should look out for each other.

Student apartments aren't the most luxurious ones ever built. When parties happen, those who live around it are the first to whine and complain. Each time a neighbor is paid a late night visit by his or her significant other, those in the surrounding units are reminded of the fact that the walls are thin. But, is anyone really looking out for his fellow tenant?

Anyone who can't see at least one of those handy, blue-crowned emergency centers from the front doorstep should consider the hint and start an effective neighborhood watch program. Be cognizant about what's going on around your place. Report anything remotely suspicious to the cops. There's nothing I'd love more than to be able to leave a few more felony crimes out of the Police Beat every week.

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IF THE CITY AND THE APARTMENT OWNERS AREN'T JUMPING UP TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION, THE RESPONSIBILITY FALLS ON THE RESIDENTS OF EVERY COMPLEX. NEIGHBORS SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

If you're gonna commit, commit already

My mom used to tell me that if I started something I should always finish it.

Originally she was talking about my long sheets of multiplication tables or my green beans, but as I got older, the same advice began applying to bigger and better things like mowing the lawn or cooking dinner. Then, I suppose when she considered me to be old enough, she decided to tack a phrase onto the end of her original one. Something of an addendum I guess. "If you're going to do anything, you should do it right."

Whoa. This was something totally new to me. Sure finishing something was easy enough, but doing it right? This meant I actually had to do a good job keeping the grass all the same height and cleaning up the dishes I had used to make that dinner. And lest we forget the inevitable push to improve your grades. I think every parent, for better or worse, wants their kid to make at least four times as many A's as they did.

But as I got older and wiser - some may dispute the wiser part - I started to realize how right my parents

were. Finishing high school the right way was what got me enough money to pay for my tuition every year (I am referring to HOPE, but we all know that \$300 a year is not enough to buy books) so long as I keep my GPA at or above a 3.0. It definitely was not a slew of lewd jokes and smart-ass remarks that got me the job here at *The George-Anne*. And the privilege of being the Vice President of the Residence

Hall Presidents' Council was not simply one day laid at my feet. I'm in no way trying to say that I'm the perfect individual for doing everything well, and always finishing what I've started. But it did help me out along the way. It truly is important to do what you do well, and to always follow it through to the end. I find that to be even truer every day.

I also discover on a daily basis how far too many of us fail to do just that.

Many of us make commitments that we never follow through with, let alone finish them well. An overwhelming amount of students here on campus have dreams of a stronger campus, an improved college experience: a better GSU. And it is a great number of these people that start on their quest with good inten-

tions of bettering this microcosm around them. But too many of us falter and quit before the job is finished. A general sense of apathy is what stops many of us dead in our tracks. I've met far too many people that have just accepted that what is, is, and will never change.

Those of you out there who have committed to the rest of us a better place to go to school, it's up to you to follow through with your promises. It's time to put an end to doing only enough to get by. Each of us has a short time to be here, and during our tenure as students, those of us who have dedicated our time to improving our own little world should do just that. And to those of you who already have, I thank you for your hard work on behalf of those who sometimes don't realize what it takes to follow through with commitments.

There's one last bit of knowledge my mother imparted upon me when I was old enough to understand what she meant.

"Talk is cheap."

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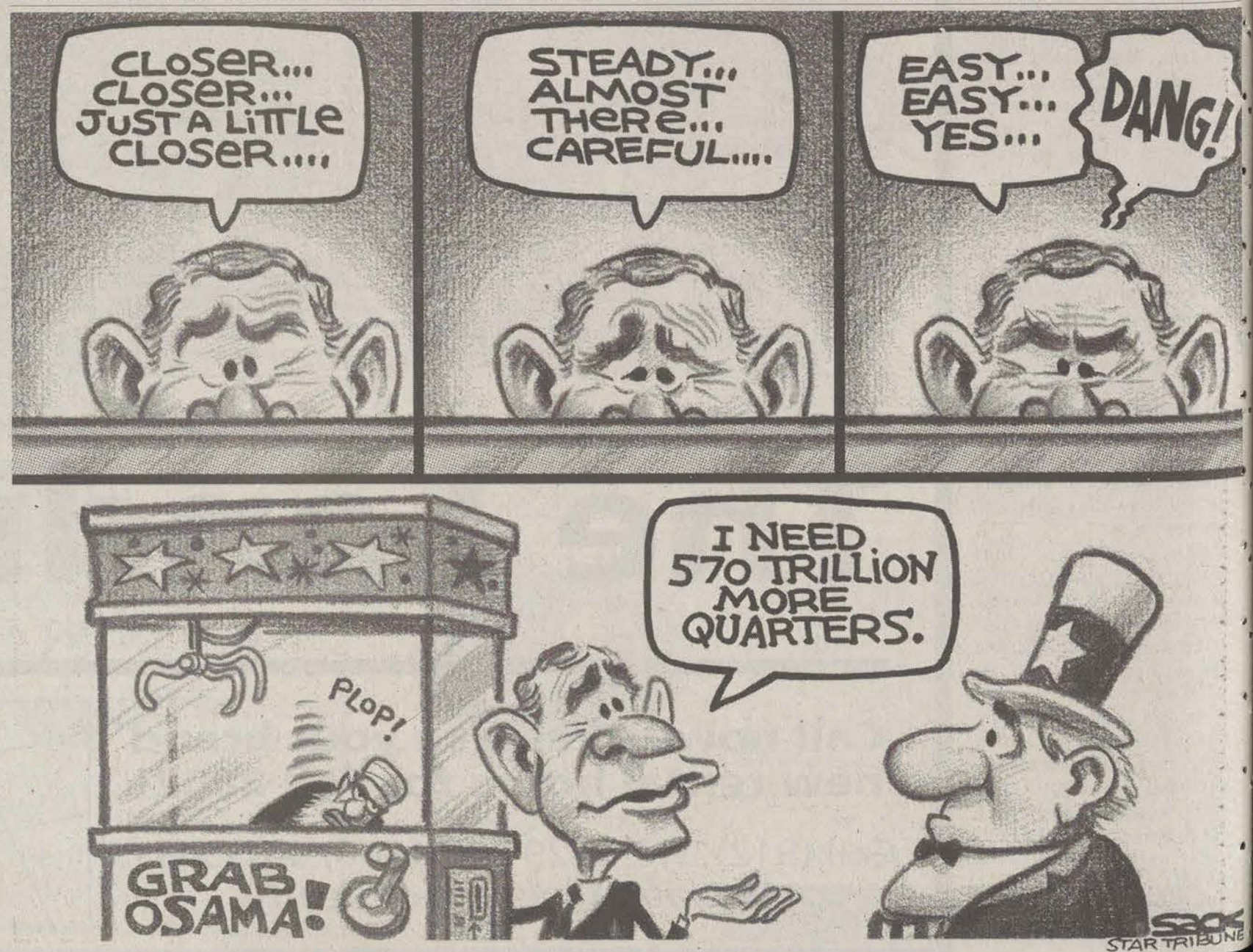
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Lay pleads the Fifth before Congress

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WASHINGTON - Former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay invoked his constitutional right against testifying before Congress Tuesday, encountering a chorus of outrage from senators who accused him of failing to "come clean" about Enron's collapse.

The dethroned corporate baron told members of the Senate Commerce Committee that he wanted to respond to questions but was advised by his lawyer to invoke the Constitution's Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

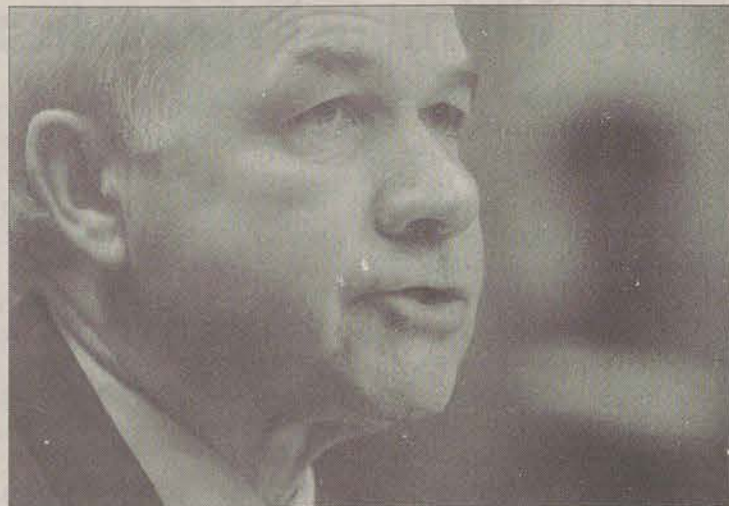
"I am deeply troubled about asserting these rights, because it may be perceived by some that I have something to hide," Lay said.

"But after agonizing consideration, I cannot disregard my counsel's instruction. Therefore, I must respectfully decline to answer."

Issuing what he described as a "very brief statement," Lay also expressed "profound sadness" about Enron, "its current and former employees, retirees, shareholders and other stakeholders."

Thousands of ordinary citizens, including Enron employees, lost millions of dollars as Enron stock plummeted prior to its December collapse into the nation's largest bankruptcy.

The 59-year-old Houston executive became the sixth Enron figure to invoke the Fifth Amendment. The highest-ranking official to testify thus far is former Enron chief executive officer Jeffrey Skilling, but his statements



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THE ENRON SAGA CONTINUES: Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay became the sixth ex-Enron employee to exercise his right not to incriminate himself at a testimony before Congress Tuesday.

before a congressional committee last week conflicted with other testimony and prompted some lawmakers to suggest that he may have committed perjury.

The company's downfall has been blamed on up to 3,000 off-the-books partnerships, which enabled the company to hide losses and inflate profits, enriching executives in the process.

William C. Powers Jr., who headed an internal investigation that highlighted the transactions, told committee members Tuesday that his inquiry provided only "a cursory" look and suggested that many other irregularities still remain to be uncovered.

Even though he was expected to plead the Fifth Amendment, Lay's appearance generated a circus atmosphere, attracting swarms of reporters and camera crews.

Seven jobless Enron employees, escorted by civil

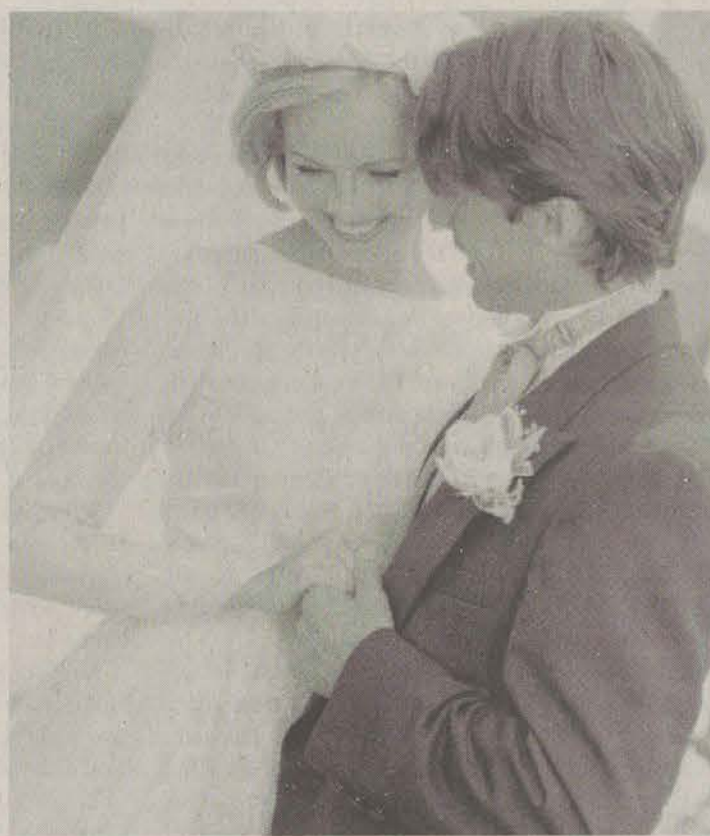
rights leader Jesse Jackson, arrived early to watch his performance.

Lay, wearing a gray suit and red tie, arrived precisely at 9:30 a.m., followed by four attorneys, a public relations representative and his daughter, Liz Vittor. Before being called as a witness, he sat stoically on the front row for more than an hour as senator after senator flailed away at his stewardship of the failed company.

The harshest recriminations came from Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald, R-Ill., who called Lay "perhaps the most accomplished confidence man since Charles Ponzi," a 1920s scam artist who made millions through bogus investment deals now known as "Ponzi schemes."

"I'd say you were a carnival barker, but that wouldn't be fair to carnival barkers," Fitzgerald continued.

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the attack, Fawaz Yahya al Rabeei, was given to the CIA on Monday, said a second senior intelligence official, who also asked to remain anonymous. The CIA had previous information that al Rabeei "was telling people he was going to do something against the U.S. at about that time," the second official said.

U.S. officials obtained pictures of al Rabeei and 16 other suspected terrorists from the Yemeni and Saudi Arabian governments, and one or more of the al-Qaida detainees positively identified them from the photos, the official said. The officials said the only sug-

gestion of a possible attack in the United States came from a detainee who said he thought one of the suspected terrorists might be in America. A check of immigration and other records found no evidence that any of the 17 suspects had entered the United States, the official said, but the FBI decided to warn of possible domestic attacks anyway, "just to be on the safe side."

The State Department issued a public announcement of a "credible terrorist threat to U.S. interests in Yemen," including the embassy, on Jan. 14. There are 10,000 to 20,000 U.S. citizens in Yemen, State Department officials said Tuesday, but

more than half are Yemenis with dual citizenship.

Some intelligence officials, however, think the plan to attack the embassy might have been shelved and that the group may have been planning to attack a different U.S. target.

Saudi and Yemeni authorities who have been criticized for lackadaisical efforts to track al-Qaida finances and operatives, won praise for helping with Monday's alert. The Yemeni port city of Aden was the scene of the October 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS Cole, which killed 17 American servicemen and women.

MATHEMATICS, FROM PAGE 1

most people fear - math. The questions vary from algebra, geometry, trigonometry, probability, and calculus.

The tournament concluded with an awards ceremony. First, second, and third place teams and individuals receive trophies. The Arthur G. Sparks Award of Ex-

cellence is presented to any student that receives a perfect score on the written test.

The award is named after Dr. Arthur Sparks a retired professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Dr. Susie Lanier was the coordinator of this year's event.

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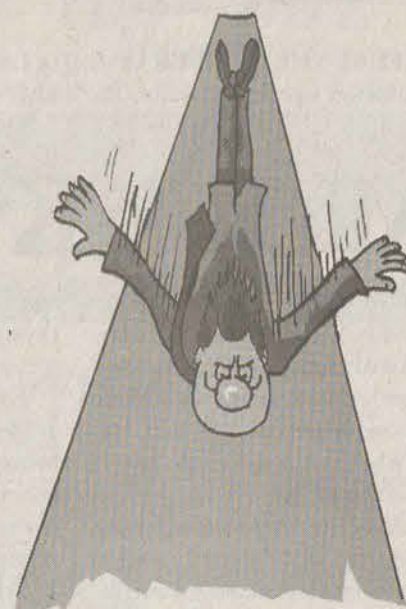
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Lady Eagles stop UNCG 73-72

By Eli Boorstein
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Georgia Southern pulled off a shocker Monday evening as the Lady Eagle basketball team upset Southern Conference leader UNC Greensboro 73-72 at Hanner Fieldhouse.

With the score tied at 72, senior Danna Simpson was able to get fouled on a jumper with four seconds left to play. She then converted one of two free throws to put the Eagles ahead. Junior Tiffany Lanier was then able to ensure the victory when she intercepted the Brianne Dodgen inbound pass.

After leading the entire game, the Eagles (11-12, 8-7 SoCon) saw their lead dwindle down to just one after a 14-3 run by the Spartans (16-7, 11-3 SoCon) in the second half. Georgia Southern was then able to go on a run of their own to extend their lead back up to 68-61 with 5:07 left to play. However, UNC Greensboro went on a tear, scoring nine in a row to take their first lead of the night, 70-68 with 2:16 remaining. Simpson then scored five points in the last two minutes to put the home team in the lead for good.

In the first half, Georgia Southern took the edge, outscoring UNC Greensboro 42-34. The Eagles were

able to make 45.5 percent of their shots in the half, while the Spartans were held to a 35 percent success rate.

The second half was another story as UNC Greensboro held the upper hand, outscoring Georgia Southern 42-34 as the Spartans fought back to take the brief lead on a pair of free throws from Dodgen. The free throws were key for the Spartans, as they made 13 from the charity stripe in the second half, compared to just seven for the Eagles.

Alie Rousseau provided the offensive spark for Georgia Southern as she led all scorers with 24 points. Rousseau shot 9-for-17 overall, including 5-for-10 from behind the three-point line.

"I didn't force anything," remarked the senior from Coral Springs, Florida. "I just let the game come to me."

Simpson came close to a triple-double, scoring nine while grabbing a team-high eight rebounds while dishing out ten assists. In addition, she managed to block three shots, tying a personal best.

Another key factor was the insertion of 5-foot-11 Shawnica Hill and 6-foot Adrienne Early into the starting lineup to give the Eagles more of an inside presence.

"We needed to show that

aggressiveness and intensity," said Early, a freshman making her first career start. The native of Hilton Head flourished, scoring eight and grabbing four rebounds.

For the Spartans, Jacinda Lambert provided the offensive spark with 17 points on the night. Dodgen added a double-double with 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. UNC Greensboro did well on the defensive side as they picked off 14 Eagle passes, led by three steals each from Samika Foster and Nicole Murray.

"This win saved our season," said Eagle head coach Rusty Cram. "Hopefully this will help us pick up steam going into the conference tournament."

Georgia Southern now sits in a fourth-place tie with Wofford with three games left to play in the season. Next, they face a battle with Furman on Saturday in Greenville in an effort to move up into third in the SoCon standings. They close out the season with a road battle against Davidson on Monday before welcoming Wofford to town February 23. UNC Greensboro, who lost their second straight game after winning nine in a row, is in danger of losing their place atop the standings, as they are now just half a game ahead of Chattanooga with four games to go.

GSU Ultimate Frisbee team starts season

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This Saturday, Feb. 16, the GSU Ultimate Frisbee team will travel to Atlanta to compete against other area colleges and universities in Georgia. The schools GSU will be competing against are Southern Polytechnic University, UGA, Georgia Tech and Emory University. This year's team is under the direction of Coach Edward Pulkinen of Savannah.

When asked how this year's team looks so far, Pulkinen replied, "It's still early in the season to make such a determination, and these young men need as many wins as possible this weekend." Pulkinen also commented that Southern Tech does not appear to have a strong team this season, which will give GSU a better opportunity for more wins.

A few weekends ago, the GSU team had a successful win over the College of Charleston from South Carolina in Savannah with the ending score of 15-10. According to Cass Brannan, one of the team's co-offensive and de-

fensive coordinators, "Everyone played well, but the team still has a long way to go in order to reach this season's goals." Brannan also added that the GSU team will have to compete against the College of Charleston later on this season. "It's really great to have a win under our belts this early in the season," said Brannan.

Pulkinen added that the team will be competing later this season in sectionals, which will be the first weekend in April here.

"Other states we will be competing against are South Carolina and Florida," re-

marked Pulkinen.

According to Pulkinen, the team has practice every Monday through Thursday afternoon from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Club Fields adjacent to the RAC. "We are recruiting as many athletes as possible, with our goal to win at state sectionals in order to qualify for the regional games and, hopefully advancing onward to the nationals in Spokane, WA," stated Pulkinen. Pulkinen also added that as of now, the team has 17 players but is in need of 25 players, especially those athletes who are willing to be teachable.



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CLUB TEAM IN COMPETITION: The GSU Ultimate Frisbee team heads to Atlanta for a competition to continue their spring season.

GSU Track team sets school records

G-A News Service

Jacqueline Allen, Lindy Petteway and the Georgia Southern 4x400 relay team earned school records this weekend at the Iowa State Indoor Classic in Ames, Iowa.

Allen recorded a triple jump mark of 5.56 meters (18 feet, 3 inches) to earn a new Georgia Southern record and to place

13th overall.

The 4x400 relay team of Margo Mincey, Kellie Mitchell, Lindy Petteway, and Marlo Mincey raced to a time of 3:52.17, shattering the previous record by over four seconds.

Petteway broke her own GSU record with a 60 meter hurdles time of 8.78 seconds, good enough for the ninth fastest preliminary

time and to qualify for the finals. Petteway finished 15th in the finals after hitting a hurdle.

In addition to her triple jump duties, Allen also managed a time of 7.80 seconds in the 60 meter dash, missing the finals by .03 of a second.

Georgia Southern hits the track once again on at the USC Open in Columbia, S.C. on Saturday.

GSU Golf claims ninth at invitational

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern junior Travis Mobley carded a final round of three-under 67 and finished in a tie for 16th in the Gator Invitational Sunday at the par-70, 6,701-yard University of Florida Golf Club. The Eagles finished ninth as a team in the first event of the spring.

Led by Mobley's low round of the year, GSU posted a final round of eight-over 288. The Eagles finished with a three-day

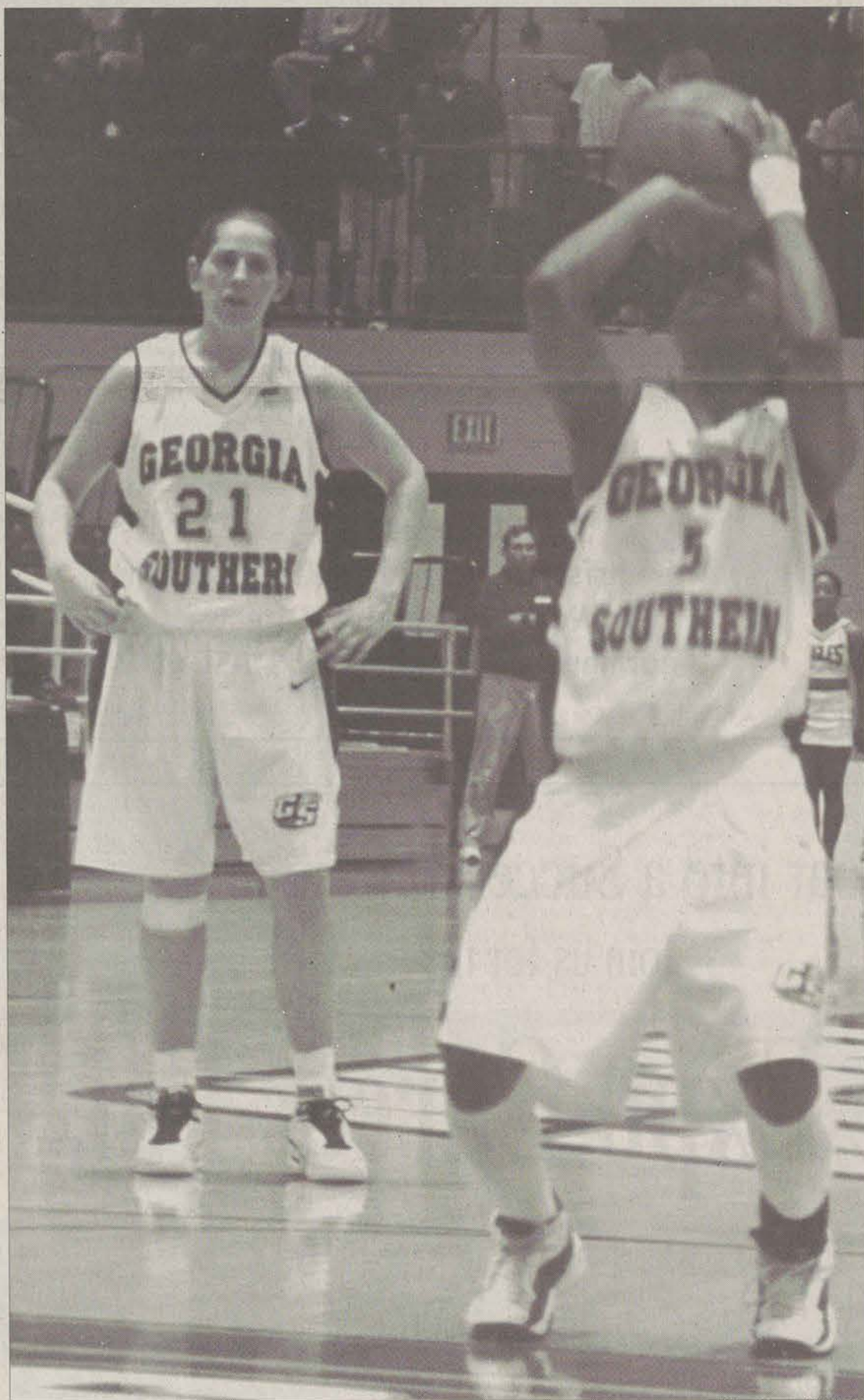
total of 864 (+24). Mobley finished at four-over 214 (74-73-67), while sophomore Tyler McKeever earned a top-20 finish with a final-round 74 and a three-round total of five-over 215 (72-69-74).

Freshman Aron Price, making his first appearance for GSU, just missed a top-20 showing, placing in a tie for 24th at six-over 216 (71-71-74). Senior Justin Kolumber (70-77-74=221/+11) and freshman David Elmore

(79-76-73=228/+18) rounded out the scoring for the Eagles.

Louisiana State (846/+6) claimed the team title by a single stroke over host Florida, the defending national champion, Purdue and UAB. Graeme McDowell of UAB captured medalist honors at 10-under 200 (65-67-68).

The Eagle golf squad returns to action Friday, Feb. 22 at the Ron Smith/USF Invitational in Tampa, Fla.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

DEFEAT THE NUMBER ONE: The Lady Eagles battled the entire game and finished one point ahead of the number one SoCon team. The team is now tied for fourth in the SoCon division.

Michelle Kwan lone skater on ice week before competition

Associated Press

Michelle Kwan wanted a place where she could practice in peace, somewhere where she could focus without all the Olympic distractions.

Who'd have thought that place would be Salt Lake City?

While fellow Americans Sarah Hughes and Sasha Cohen left town right after the opening ceremony, Kwan decided to stick around. And she's reveling in the surprisingly relaxed atmosphere she's found.

"I'm glad I came and stayed," she

said. "It doesn't feel so much like 'The Olympics! The Olympics!' You're able to train and practice. It's very low-key."

Four years ago, Kwan didn't arrive in Nagano until after the games began because she was nursing a stress fracture in her foot and needed as much rehab time as she could get. But the minute she arrived, it was all Michelle, all the time.

There were news conferences, and there were usually a dozen or so media members waiting for her after practices. Almost all the other skaters were already there by the time she arrived, so

she never had the ice to herself.

Throw in some heavy expectations, and it probably wasn't the ideal recipe for Olympic gold.

Salt Lake City had the potential to be even worse. The six-time U.S. champion consistently ranks among the world's most popular athletes, and she's favored to win the gold medal with an adoring home crowd cheering every jump and spiral.

Kwan considered going back to Lake Arrowhead, Calif., after the opening ceremony to get away from the circus.

But just as Tara Lipinski discovered four years ago in Nagano, there's something settling about taking in the whole Olympic experience.

Because the women's competition doesn't start for another nine days, the other four women in her practice group aren't here yet. Cohen and Hughes are long gone, and the two Japanese skaters won't arrive for a few more days.

And unlike the U.S. or world championships, fans aren't allowed at practices. That leaves Kwan with her own rink, just like she'd have at home.

"It's been pretty good, because they've restricted the people coming in to only coaches and media and certain athletes," she said. "So it's been nice."

Even skaters in the subsequent practice group were scarce. Russian rival Maria Butyrskaya stopped to watch as Kwan starts running through her short program, but soon turned away to resume her warm-ups and stretches.

It was as if Kwan was tucked away in her own little world. When she took the ice to begin her practice Sunday, she practically sprinted onto the surface, a

bright smile on her face.

"Ice is ice, I guess," she said. "It's nice to get used to the rink size. I'm glad I came and stayed because of that."

As unusual as Kwan's Olympic solitude is, it's appropriate in a way. Since she split with longtime coach Frank Carroll last October, she's been on her own, shouldering the burdens and responsibilities of chasing gold by herself.

Oh, sure, her dad is standing close by at practices. But when Kwan takes the ice, it's up to her and her alone.



2002 Olympic medals tracker:



Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	3	4	2	9
Austria	1	1	5	7
Germany	2	3	1	6
Norway	1	2	2	5
Russia	1	2	2	5
Finland	1	1	1	3
Italy	2	1	0	3
France	1	1	1	3
Japan	0	2	1	3
Canada	0	1	1	2
Switzerland	1	0	1	2
Holland	1	1	0	2
Spain	1	0	0	1
Poland	0	0	1	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	1	1



Two man Billiard Team competes at Florida State

By Todd Jewell
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The GSU Billiards Team competed in the Association of College Unions-International tournament held by Florida State University on Feb. 8 and 9. This year's team consisted of John Mnieckowski and Brian Sadowski.

In order to get on the Billiards Team, students from GSU have to place in the top three at the tournaments held in the Russell Union Game Room.

Sadowski received first place in all three tournaments held this year. Mnieckowski only played in the first two tournaments this year but

won third place in both, earning him a spot on this year's team.

The Billiards portion of this year's recreation tournament consisted of 64 individuals of schools from Region 6, which includes Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, and Georgia.

Sadowski placed third overall in the tournament. Sadowski lost to the winner of the event, who also won last year's tournament which was held at the University of Florida and proceeded to get fifth in the world among college students. Brian had previously placed fourth in the tournament held two years

ago at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The other events at the tournament were chess, bowling, table tennis, dominoes, and spades. A special thank you goes out to the Russell Union Game Room for providing the funding needed so that John and Brian could attend this tournament.

The game room is in the process of setting up an 8-Ball Billiard Club to attend next year's ACU-I events to be held at the University of Georgia.

For more information about joining please contact Brian at: gsi22912@gsaix2.cc.gasou.edu.

Nasty ending to pair competition

KRT Campus

SALT LAKE CITY - An elegant night at the pairs rink Monday suddenly assumed the nasty, illegitimate aura of a Las Vegas boxing match, from a pre-bell smash at the start to a highly questionable decision at the end.

When the evening was done, Russians had won - or stolen - the Olympic pairs title for the 11th straight time since 1960, and the Canadians felt black and blue and robbed.

"What we can't control we can't control," said David Pelletier, after losing with partner Jamie Sale to Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze. "If I didn't want this to happen to me, I would have gone down a hill on skis."

"With that bad collision during warmups, my stomach was hurting a lot," Sale said. "That's the first time I've been in pain or discomfort."

Sale of Canada stands just over five feet tall without her skate boots, far too small to be throwing a blinding crosscheck at Sikharulidze of Russia, who is 11 inches and many pounds bigger.

But Sale inadvertently smashed into Sikharulidze at mid-ice in the

pairs warmup, and it turned into an intimidating thud. After the crash, Sale picked herself up, the two teams consoled each other, then went to the same corner for some quick first aid.

"It was a freak accident," Sale said. "It knocked the wind out of me. I looked at Dave and said, 'I'm not finished. No way.'"

Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze skated soon afterward, and clearly they were not ready. Sikharulidze butchered a double axel. Berezhnaya, who was nearly killed in a skating accident in 1996 with a previous partner, barely hung onto a landing off a triple throw.

The Russians were still smooth between jumps, still balletic, but not their usual confident selves. Their fluid lines and musical interpretations were enough to give them solid artistic scores, however, and they waited to see what would happen next.

"We did good," Berezhnaya insisted. "The practice before the performance didn't affect us."

It seemed Sale and Pelletier, the reigning world champions, were very nearly perfect. The two skaters have been known to squabble very publicly at times, then to make up. This time,

they skated convincingly enough to the theme from "Love Story."

When they were done, the crowd chanted, "6." The judges, not convinced by the pair's choppy style, were not nearly so charitable.

The judges from Russia, China, France and Ukraine voted for the Russians, with a big edge in artistic marks. The judges from the U.S., Canada, Germany and Japan voted for the Canadians. Only the French judge broke from the traditional voting blocs, which still apparently stand at these Games.

The Canadians had skated their best. The Russians had not. And observers were left to wonder: Did judges penalize Sale for her warmup accident? Did they merely enjoy the silky Russian style of pairs?

"Without question, I am embarrassed by the judging," Lori Nichol, the Canadians' choreographer, said before breaking down in tears.

Sale then let loose her emotions. She sobbed all the way up the medal stand and into the corridor.

The Chinese pair of Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao finished third, while Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman, the top U.S. pairs team, were fifth.

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Union Theater presents 'All About My Mother'

By Shana Bridges

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"All About My Mother," an award winning film by Pedro Almodovar, was shown in the Union theater on Monday.

The movie begins happily enough, but the audience finds itself on an emotional roller coaster with the train just climbing the first big hill.

Manuela, played by Cecilia Roth, is a working nurse who has a very close relationship to her eighteen-year-old son Esteban.

The movie starts out on his birthday, and they discuss the possibility of him writing a play about her. He has always loved to write and considers himself a "tortured soul" because of his creative ability. Anyone who writes poems or stories will know what I am talking about.

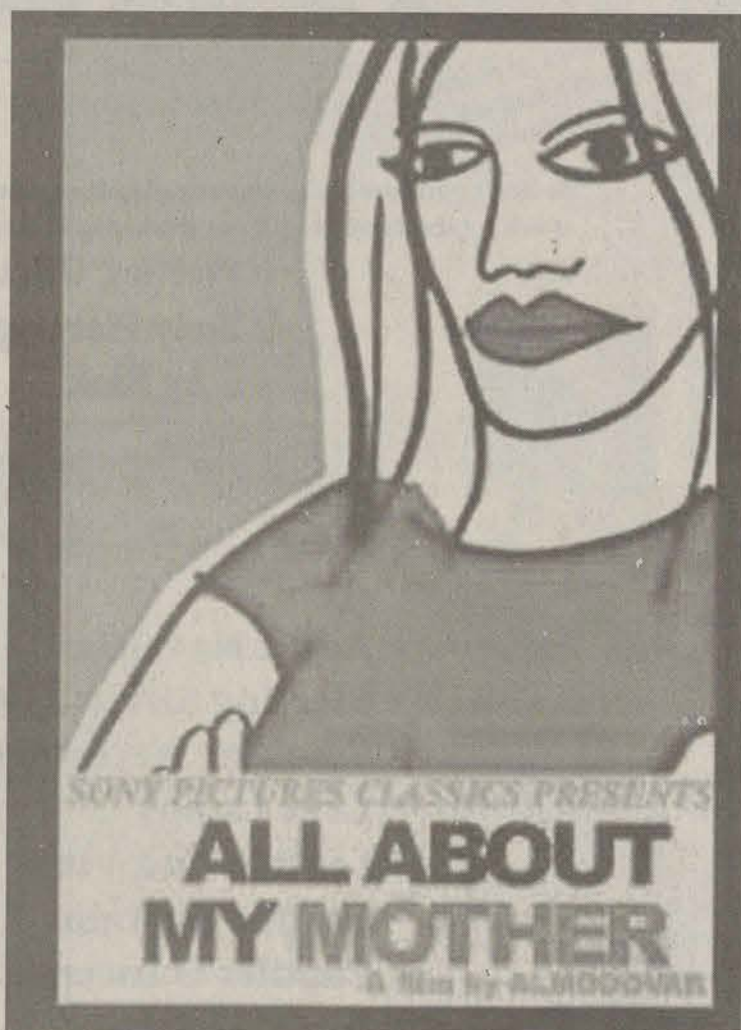
The two go to the play "Streetcar Named Desire" to celebrate Esteban's birthday, and afterwards, Esteban insists on getting Huma Rojo's autograph. Huma and her fellow actress Nina hop into a taxi and deny Esteban the chance to get an autograph. He chases after the taxi and is hit by a car.

Unable to deal with the death of her own son, Manuela travels to Barcelona to find his father, Lola, who is a transvestite.

In her search for him, she finds an old friend Agrado, who is also a transvestite. Agrado is a boisterous, witty woman who is extremely excited to see Manuela after 18 years without her, and she offers any help that she can.

The two go to a nearby church to look for work and meet Rosa, a young nun who helps them find the jobs they need.

Manuela continues to go see "Streetcar Named Desire" and meets Huma Rojo and Nina, who are both lovers and big drug addicts. Manuela works for Huma and the two become friends. However, when Nina is too high to perform one night, Manuela takes her place in the show. Nina accuses Manuela of trying to steal the show, and Manuela decides to quit working for Huma, but not before finally telling the two women the story of her son and how they contributed to his



Special Photo

AN AWARD WINNING DRAMA: Touching and fun, this classic brings the audience along for a ride on an emotional roller coaster.

death indirectly.

Huma, who is saddened by the whole situation, tries to comfort Manuela, but she will not talk about it much to anyone because she is so heartbroken. After quitting her job with Huma, Agrado begins working with her.

Rosa finds out she is pregnant with Lola's baby and has to leave the convent and live with Manuela. Lola had come by the convent a few months earlier and had intercourse with her during his stay.

Rosa also contracts AIDS from Lola and ends up dying in labor. Manuela, with no real help from Rosa's parents, takes care of the baby. She finally sees Lola and tells her about the new baby and about her son's death. He is shocked and saddened

by the news.

Manuela takes the baby back to Madrid for two years, and in that time, his disease completely disappears, showing hope for other AIDS cases. Upon her return to Barcelona, she visits Agrado and Huma and finds that they are well. They, too, have had tough times in their lives, but "the show must go on."

There were some really funny parts in the movie and some really touching ones, too.

I thought that Cecilia Roth did a fantastic job as Manuela. And Penelope Cruz was wonderful as Rosa. All the actors and actresses really tied the film together, so I commend Almodovar on his casting. The film was very enjoyable.

Jadakiss coming to the 'Boro

By Russell Trotter

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This Valentine's weekend is going to be one to remember. Saturday, Feb. 16 platinum recording artist Jadakiss will perform live at Maguire's.

When Jadakiss hit the rap scene with his deafening group, the LOX, all hell broke loose. They are the only group who knew how to precisely give you lyrical food for your mind while simultaneously making thongs

shake and drop (check out the monumental rise of their platinum album 'Money, Power, & Respect' for evidence). They have redrawn the rap map and become quite an influential force for the musical genre.

Now, as one of the toughest and tightest emcees to ever grip the microphone, Jadakiss, LOX's front man, has started his solo career with his unprecedented album 'Kiss Tha Game Goodbye.' He ranks on the same level as artists like Jay-Z, Nas, and DMX.

RRI Entertainment, an organization of GSU students interested in pursuing a career in the entertainment industry, is responsible for booking this weekend's event. After rumors about the show buzzed around campus for about a week, the deal to bring him to GSU has finally been confirmed.

Fans may purchase tickets at Scumma Records, formally Fast Traxx, for ten dollars before inflation. WVG 91.9 will be offering more up to date information on the show.

'Count' on great cinema filled with adventure

By Kim Waters

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Derived from the novel by Alexandre Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo* is a movie that keeps you in your seat. The story moves at a pace that is slow enough for comprehension, but yet is fast enough to keep you interested.

The story centers around Edmond Dantes, played by Jim Caviezel, and his fight for justice. He is a calm tempered sailor who plans to marry his fiancée, Mercedes, but Edmond does not have enough money to marry. His plan is to work and save money until they can one day marry.

Fernando Mondego is extremely jealous of the love that his friend, Edmond, has. So, he plots with the Chief Magistrate, Villefort, to imprison Edmond in the Chateau D' If.

Mondego and Villefort arrest Edmond on charges of treason, and send him to the prison. Villefort tells Edmond's family that he committed acts of high treason by conspiring with Napoleon on the island of Elba. He also lies and says that Edmond has been executed.

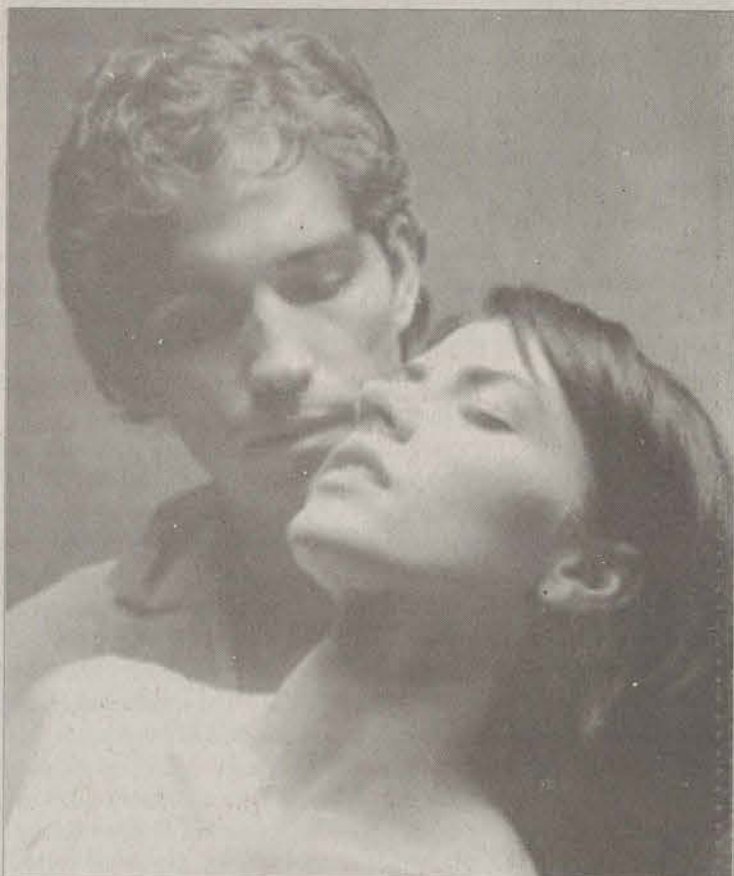
Thinking that her fiancée is dead, Mercedes quickly marries Mondego, her closest friend. She has a son and they live a life full of money problems.

Edmond, imprisoned in the Chateau D' If, suffers in his dark hell,

and as time goes by his faith in God diminishes. He is ready to commit suicide, but he meets a fellow inmate who convinces him to work on tunneling out of their prison. Edmond's fellow inmate, the Priest, teaches him

to read, write, and sword-fight. When the Priest dies, Edmond makes a break for it, and escapes the prison after

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FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT: 'The Count of Monte Cristo' is one action-packed thriller not to be missed.

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'Hecka fresh hit, bro bra': Deciphering snowboarding lingo

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Snowboarders cut a wide swath, not only through sick pow (great snow), but through English as we know it.

So, as Olympic snowboarders get big air and ride fakie (backward) outside Salt Lake City this week, NBC commentator Kevin Delaney has his own trick to pull off.

Besides providing analysis and interviewing the athletes, the 36-year-old former champion is an unofficial interpreter, explaining snowboard lingo for untold millions of viewers who don't know a halfpipe from a pop tart.

(A halfpipe is the curved ramp on which snowboarders compete. A pop tart is one of many aerial maneuvers they do on halfpipes).

Snowboarding, with its daredevil moves and larger-than-ever following, is on course to be one of the most watched events this Olympics. Following the competitions Sunday and Monday, the sport has its final two days in the Salt Lake spotlight this Thursday and Friday.

"We're not going to have subtitles explaining what they're saying," Delaney said of the snowboarders he is interviewing this week.

He wasn't referring to the athletes from abroad, though they won't have subtitles either. He meant the Americans. Ask, "How was your run?" and Delaney said, the athletes' answer might be, "I'm stoked. I had strong amplitude on my method and the frontside grab."

Delaney's translation: "(They) are excited, pumped. They got big air (or hang time) on this trick that's called a method." And the "frontside grab"? "They blast into the air and with their back hand they grab their toe edge (the edge of the snowboard that their toes point toward) between their feet, straightening their front leg." Of course, there's a cooler way to say "straightening your leg." "It's "boning."

With time short, Delaney is hitting the highlights and leaving the rest up to viewers' imaginations. For those whose curiosity is piqued, NBC has a glossary of dozens of snowboard terms on its



Internet Photo

SNOWBOARDING: Snowboarding lingo has become a popular discussion among commentators and spectators at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Olympic Web site, <http://nbcolympics.com/>

Language reflects culture, and snowboard lingo, like snowboard culture, is all about being inventive, being out there, and, of course, being cool.

A light snowfall on an icy hill is "dust on crust." Likewise, elders snowboarders - which can mean anyone over 20 - have been dubbed "grays on trays." (In some circles, your snowboard is also your ride, your stick, your tray.) On the slopes and off them, many snowboarders are thrill-seekers with a need for speed and a bent to invent. (That rhyming thing can be contagious.)

Hard-core snowboarders riff with slang assimilated from skateboarding and surfing, hip-hop and punk rock, adding their own twists and turns along the way, much as they do when they blast down hills or go airborne. At the Raging Buffalo Snowboard Park near the Chicago suburb of Algonquin, Ill., Dan Corapi and his buddies pick up some terms and make up others.

"Hecka fresh hit, bro bra," Corapi, 24, told a snowboarding friend not long ago. Corapi's translation: "Great jump, brother."

That's on his hill. It doesn't necessarily translate to riders, as snowboarders call themselves, in other places. "In the

Midwest, our lingo is a lot different than the guys out West and out East," Corapi said.

NBC's Delaney points out that snowboarding gets stuck with a rebel youth image that doesn't always fit a sport that has gone mainstream, commercial, and now includes diverse riders, young and old. Not everybody is a cool dude in cargo pants, and not everybody likes to riff with slang. Delaney has his own theory about why snowboarders play with so many new words. Once you've mastered the art of making the snowboard an extension of your body, and thumbing your nose at gravity, conventional words fail to do the job.

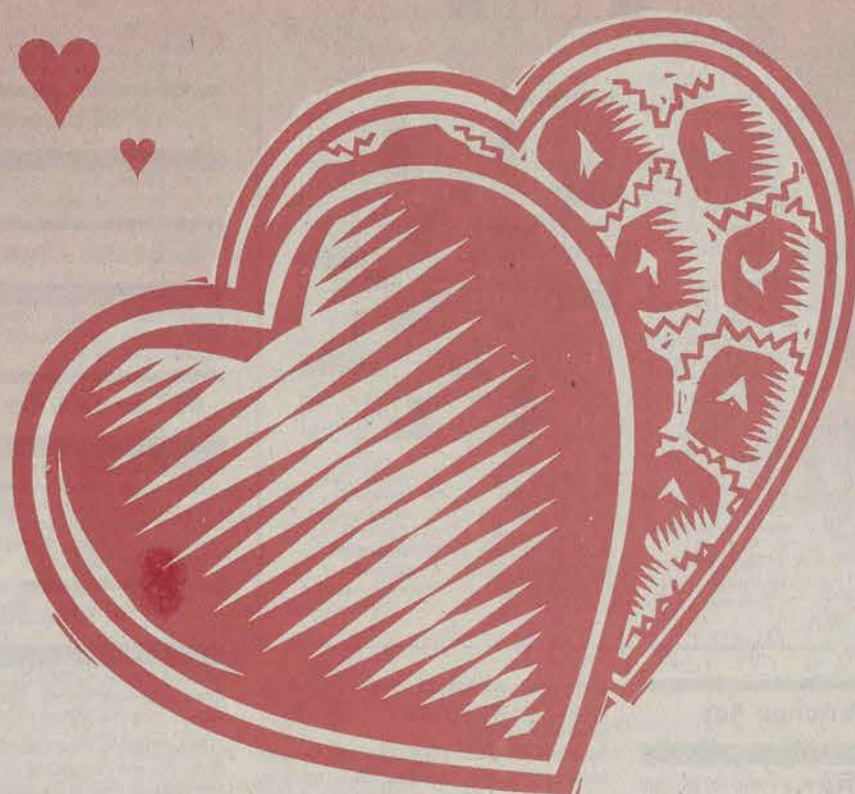
"The essence of the feeling that you get from these board sports is kind of a magic carpet ride, floating sensation," Delaney said.

"Shredding" long has been another word for snowboarding. But say "shredding" these days and you mark yourself as what one Minnesota snowboarder called "hopelessly unhip."

"It's like 'neat-o,'" Delaney said. "It has been socially banned. There are words that kind of die out, like mullet haircuts."

No worries. Far from Salt Lake City, hip terms-in-the-making are flying around the hills this winter, ready for their turn.

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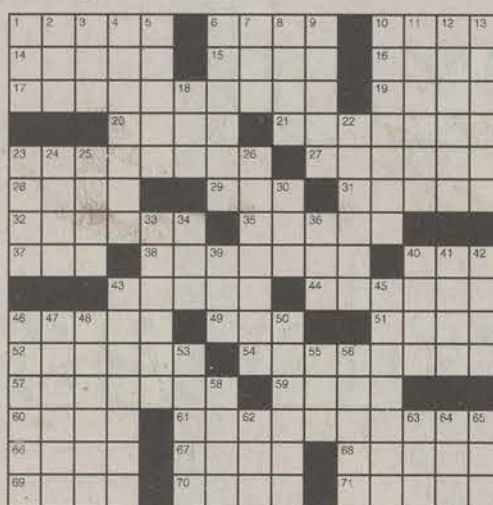
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6 Hall-of-famer Ty
10 up (energizes)
14 Mennonite sect
15 Comic Benny
16 Prayer ending
17 Uproar
19 Promising
20 Word of woe
21 Twisted wool
23 Waterfowl
27 Strike out
28 Dweep
29 Ump's cohort
31 Fragrant wood
32 "Silent Spring" author
35 Gingrich's predecessor
37 Goller Ernie
38 Like decorative walls
40 Highland cap
43 Austere
44 Ten-year period
46 Diameter halves
49 CIA forerunner
51 Automobile pioneer
52 Captivate
54 State of little difficulty
57 Spanish sheep
59 Five-dollar bills
60 Ludwig or Jannings
61 Faster than Mach 1
66 Occupation
67 Levin and Gershwin
68 Barcelata's Maria
69 Labels
70 Colorful salamander
71 Very small!



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DOWN
1 Morse symbol
2 Ostrich relative
3 Abner's size?
4 Aleutians or Grenadines
5 Laminated rock
6 Shot, follower
7 Lubricate
8 Explode
9 Parental lineage
10 Green garnish
11 Acted the ham
12 Monetary unit of Spain
13 Poet Gary
18 Howl
22 Fall back
23 Fairy-tale opener
24 Laughter or thunder sound
25 Goes wrong
26 Rumsfeld's department
30 In favor of
33 Alternative
34 Stirling negative
36 Guided
39 Con's counterpart
40 Piece of gossip
41 Tacks on
42 Military meal
43 Figures of speech
45 Comfort
46 Thaw again
47 Sickle-cell
48 Adventurous
50 Most secure
53 Pine-sap
55 Knight's title
56 Map in a map
58 Confident
62 Touch rudely
63 Born in Versailles
64 Travelers' stopover
65 Small, low islet

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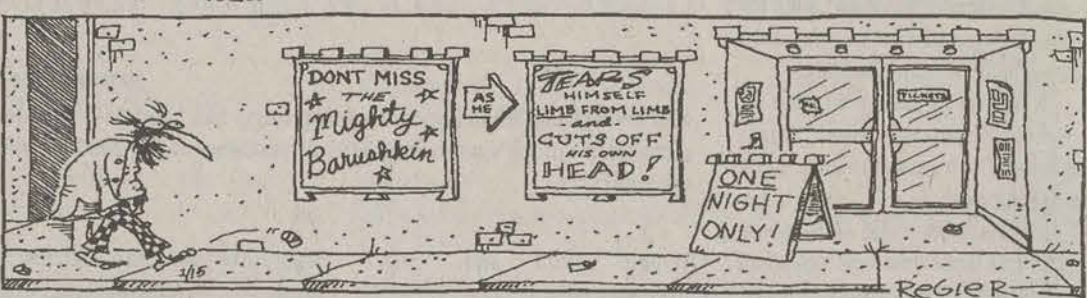
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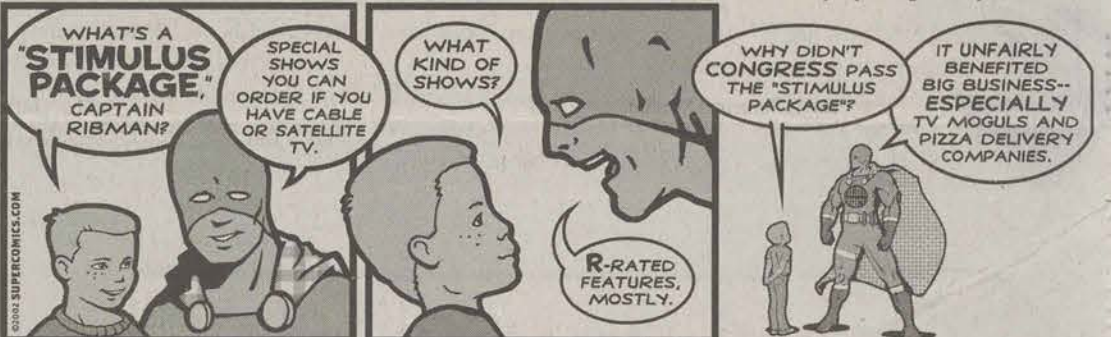
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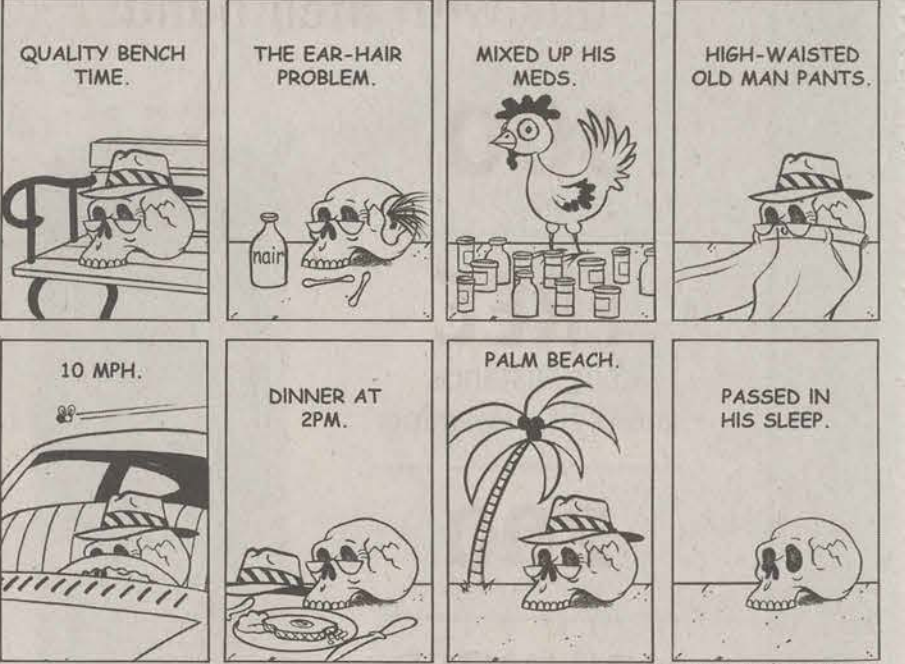
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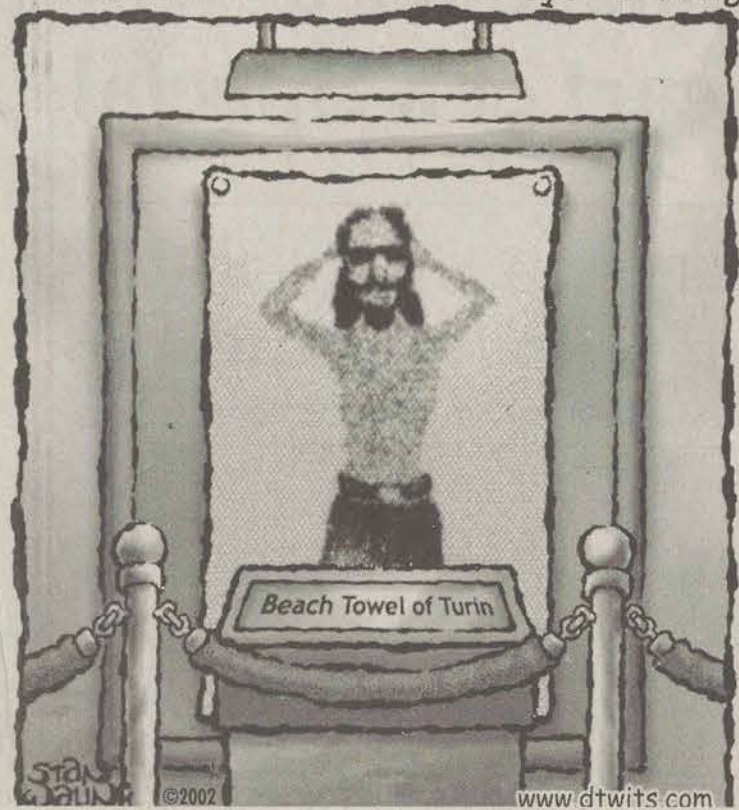
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•Jordan - It's been an awesome year and a half! Happy Valentine's Day! I luvum you lots! God bless you. Love Always, Paige

•Happy 21st Birthday Lil'Bit! I love you still! Love, Neener

•Reggie, Although others may try to get "involved" we both know our hearts beat as one. Love Always, your Lil'Bit

•Happy Valentine's Day Katie, Kelly, Nate, Mat, Trish, Leslee, Erin, Jon, Randolph, Lindsay, Jessica and John! Have a great one. Love you guys, Justin

•Happy Valentine's Day to all my George-Anne people! Have a good one Brooke, Tim, Amanda, Brady, Melissa, Allison, Chloe, Jenni and Mr. Bill. Love you guys, Justin

•Tell me something good! Love ya Katie, Nathan, Devon, Patrick, Justin and Renee. Have a great day. Tell me that you love me! Love, Kelley

•Happy Valentine's Day Sammy! You are loved my best! Love, Anna

•Kathryn, Megan, Jennifer - I hope you guys have a terrific V-Day! Enjoy single life while you have it. You guys are great! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Someone Special

•To all my loves, Have a Happy

Valentine's Day! Kelley, Matt, Justin, Nathan, Patrick, Renee, Devon, Mat, Lance, Brian and Justin. Love you all! - Katie Bug

•Joe, Nothing in this world brings me more joy than me loving you and you loving me. Your love completes me! Happy Valentine's Day sweetie! Love, Mela

•Will, I love you. I am so happy to have someone like you in my life. Please continue to let your presence brighten my days. Love, Jonicia

•Latessa, ("smurf") You mean the world to me. We have had good and bad times. But we are still together. Let's keep it going folk! Love, Keith

•To my SweetPea (BKG), I love you more than you know and always will. Hugs and kisses forever. Happy Valentine's Day! More gifts to come! Love, Chunky (RLH)

•Owen, you are the sparkle in my eye. Happy Heart Day! Love, Amanda

•Scott, I'm a wonderful person and I think you are too! So, this is my way of saying Happy Valentine's Day to you! -Elizabeth

•Nathan, Just when I was about to close the door, you walked in. Thank you for being you. I'm always by your side. Maybe this is what love is all about, because I've never felt this way. Have a great day, J.

•Happy Valentine's Day, Michael. I love you so much! And

Happy Valentine's Day to the CRAZY staff at The George-Anne. Love, Brooke

•To one of the sweetest people to walk to the Earth. I hope we are friends forever and a day. Happy V-Day to Melissa. -Cory

•Ladies don't be down and depressed for Valentine's! Come enjoy yourself at the meet market this Thursday at Flip Flop's with poetry, R&B and jazz. -Team Monopoly

•BRE: Where would I be without you? Stick with me through this and I promise to never leave your side cause we'll forever be together. -Brown

•Tab, You gave me your heart. In return, I want to give you the world. Life sometimes deals bad hands. Let me ease some of your pain! -Wagon

•Krista, You are the greatest person and best thing that ever happened to me. I'll love you always. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Sam

•Darcie, Happy Valentine's Day! I love you with all of my heart. Happy six months! Thank you for six wonderful months and more to come. -Bobby

•Matt, Thanks for all you do for me on a daily basis. You are the perfect boyfriend. Your Valentine, Katie.

•Happy Valentine's Day baby! Lex, I love you with all my heart no matter what obstacles may arise. Love always and forever. Your baby, Kimi

•Happy Valentine's Day to my best buddies Shanda, Calvetta, Donna, Tiffany, Crystal and Kim I love you guys and couldn't ask for better friends. -Kimi

•Robyn, This is our fifth Valentine's Day and every year seems more special. Our love will never end because of you, the person. Love, Chris

•Hutt (MBBBM): Thanks for being a loving and caring husband. I will love you forever and always. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Tippi

•Hey there Fellar Cat I am so in love with you, Ptwang! Thwap! Love Always, Pants.

•Happy Valentine's Day to all my friends, especially the single ones! Leslee, Katy, Justin, Katie, John, Anthony, Haeli, Rebecca and Genilyn love you guys! -Mathew

•To the one and only sweet thang, Ashley let me explain what you are The whole wide world isn't enough to give you love. -O.L.M.

•Ashley, thank you for everything you do and just for being you. The utmost respect and appreciation are due. Happy Valentine's Day I love you. -O.L.M.

•Neusomba, I know that this last year for you is hard, but I want you to know that all this love is here for you. -Eliaeth Penn

•Jennifer and Lady, You are so sexy, and your little dog too! I want you to know how much I love

you. You're totally awesome, wow and gee. -Jenni and G-A staff

•Johnathan, you mean the world to me. The past year and a half has been great. I know forever will be better. I love you. -Brandy

•Kevin, I love you plus one. I win! -Lindsay

•My evening Library crew is the best! Thanks for making me proud! My dear Amanda, Julie, Kim, Shanta, Alex, Cecilia and Darren. Most Sincerely, Ms. Peggy

•Linds-You mean the world to me and I love you. Have a great Valentine's Day, babe! I love you, Anthony.

•Mike, I love your smile!!! -"Mya"

•Mystery Man, You caught my eye and captured my heart. No secret how much you mean to me. My Love Always! PL

•Happy Valentine's Day to all the beautiful people! -Mel

•Jill, we like your laugh and we like wheeling you around in your "special" chair. You aren't that annoying to us baby! Love ya! G-A Staff

•To all the men I've loved before, you could have been better. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone at The George-Anne and The Reflector. -Allison



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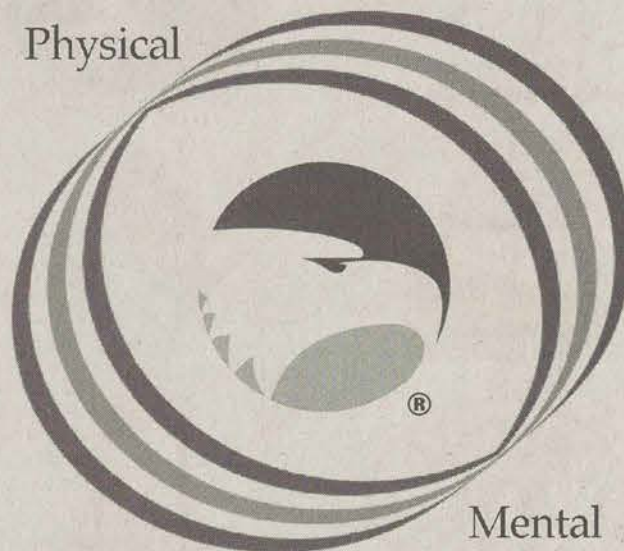
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Bush devises plans to overthrow Hussein

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WASHINGTON - President Bush has decided to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein from power and ordered the CIA, the Pentagon and other agencies to devise a combination of military, diplomatic and covert steps to achieve that goal, senior U.S. officials said Tuesday.

No military strike is imminent, but Bush has concluded that Saddam and his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs are such a threat to U.S. security that the Iraqi dictator must be removed, even if U.S. allies do not help, said the officials, who all spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This is not an argument about whether to get rid of Saddam Hussein.

That debate is over. This is ... how you do it," a senior administration official said in an interview with KnightRider.

The president's decision has launched the United States on a course

The course also is fraught with potential military difficulties, with most experts on Iraq warning that a campaign there would not be as swift or virtually free of American casualties as

units such as the Republican Guard, and some modern weaponry.

However, the United States may not have the extensive use of bases in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere that it enjoyed during the Persian Gulf War. While many of Washington's Arab allies may go along in the end, for now they oppose "regime change" in Iraq and worry about its effect on populations already angered by 18 months of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

There are other major uncertainties about a U.S. attack on Iraq that, unlike the Gulf War, would be intended to remove its leader.

One is whether Saddam, with nothing to lose, would lash out at U.S. forces, Israel or Arab states backing the United States with Scud missiles tipped with chemical or biological weapons.

Another is the lack of U.S. intelligence assets on the ground to work with opposition forces, assess the strength of Saddam's regime and recruit defectors.

The CIA earlier this year began to reconstitute a small presence in northern Iraq, working with the INC, an official said.

However, he said, there are no CIA officers or agents in southern Iraq and the United States has provided no training or assistance to Shiite opposition groups there. "We're literally starting from scratch in the south," the official said.

Finally, an attack could endanger close U.S. allies such as Jordan, which imports all of its oil from Iraq. "Definitely, it's a nightmare scenario for us," an Arab diplomat said Tuesday.

Bush should keep the focus on fighting international terrorism, where he has broad international backing, Egyptian Ambassador Nabil Fahmy said. "If you mix two issues together, you will lose this focus," he said in an interview last week.

Many nations, including Arab ones, can be expected to question the legality of the United States unilaterally removing another country's government, no matter how distasteful. But a senior State Department official, while unable to provide the precise legal authority for such a move, said, "It's not hard to make the case that Iraq is a threat to international peace and security."

Secretary of State Colin Powell signaled Bush's new approach last Thursday, telling a House of Representatives committee that "regime change" in Iraq "is something the United States might have to do alone."

Increasingly, Powell and other U.S. spokesmen are separating Iraq from the other two members of Bush's "axis of evil," Iran and North Korea, suggesting that they are open to dialogue with the latter two but not with Baghdad.

A diplomatic offensive aimed at generating international support for overthrowing Saddam's regime is likely to precede any attack on Iraq.

The United States and Russia are close to agreement on a streamlined set of economic sanctions on Iraq, an early Powell initiative, that are expected to be approved by the United Nations Security Council and to take effect June 1.

The United States, perhaps with U.N. backing, is then expected to demand that Saddam readmit inspectors to root out Iraq's chemical, biological, nuclear and missile programs.

Weapons inspectors have not been inside Iraq since December 1998. And, with respect for the 11-year-old economic sanctions crumbling, Chinese, North Korean, Indian and European firms have been trying to sell Saddam prohibited military-related goods, the first senior official said.

If Baghdad refuses to readmit inspectors or if Saddam prevents them from carrying out their work, as he has in the past, Bush would have a pretext for action.

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that will have major ramifications for the U.S. military, the Middle East's future political alignment, international oil flows and Bush's own war on terrorism. Russia and most of America's European allies have expressed alarm about the administration's escalating rhetoric on Iraq.

Afghanistan. There, rebels of the northern alliance, backed by U.S. commandos and massive U.S. airpower, quickly overthrew the Taliban regime.

Nevertheless, one foreign leader who met Bush recently came away "with the feeling that a decision has been made to strike Iraq, and the 'how' and 'when' are still fluid," added a diplomat who asked not to be further identified.

The CIA, senior officials said, recently presented Bush with a plan to destabilize Saddam's well-entrenched regime in Baghdad. The plan proposed a massive covert action campaign, sabotage, information warfare and significantly more aggressive bombing of the "no fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq. U.S. and British forces patrol the zones to prevent Iraqi planes from bombing opposition forces.

Bush reportedly was enthusiastic, and although it could not be determined whether he gave final approval for the plan, the CIA has begun assigning officers to the task.

Bush also is dispatching Vice President Cheney next month on a tour of 11 Middle East nations, including many of Iraq's neighbors, whose leaders are leery of a U.S. attack on Baghdad.

While the mission's purpose has been portrayed publicly as sounding out Middle Eastern leaders on Iraq policy, Cheney in fact will tell them that the United States intends to get rid of Saddam and his regime, several top Bush aides said.

"He's not going to beg for support. He's going to inform them that the president's decision has been made and will be carried out, and if they want some input into how and when it's carried out, now's the time for them to speak up," one senior official said.

In the lead-up to Cheney's trip, however, a sharp debate has erupted within the administration over what role Iraqi opposition groups should play, particularly the main group, the Iraqi National Congress.

Officials in the Near East Division of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, the clandestine service, warn that the INC, a coalition of Saddam opponents, is divided by internal feuds and almost certainly penetrated by both the Iraqi and Iranian intelligence services.

Hawks in the office of defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld are pushing for a major role for the INC. Their position was strengthened last month, when Bush called Iraq part of an "axis of evil."

These officials believe the brunt of the fighting can be borne by Iraqi opposition forces - primarily ethnic Kurds in northern Iraq and Shi'ia Muslims in the south - with assistance from U.S. airpower and CIA and special forces advisers on the ground, following the Afghanistan model.

Uniformed military officials, however, are skeptical of the opposition groups, doubtful that Saddam's military will crumble the way the Taliban did and worried that large numbers of U.S. troops could be called on to rescue opposition forces if they get bogged down or trapped.

The Pentagon's existing contingency plans for an invasion of Iraq call for the use of 200,000 American ground troops, U.S. officials said. A decade after the Gulf War, Iraq is believed to have around 400,000 active-duty troops, one quarter of them in elite



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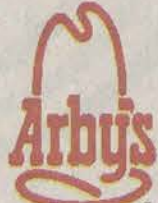
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